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From: Ted Reich
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Feb 18.2003 8:09 AM
Subject: Ownership rules

Sir: Marvin Kalb did a piece on NPR this morning regarding the monopolistic effect of loosening ownership rules...witness Clear Channels with seven stations in Syracuse for example. Please advise exactly how the general listening public benefits from this policy? Or just who does benefit other than the big owners?
Thank you.
Ted Reich
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From: DBP91044@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: **Tue**, Feb 18, 2003 8:34 AM
Subject: America media should be freer, not monopolized

Feb. 18, 2003

FCC chairman Michael Powell,

Media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC. Media concentration cripples democracy. Preserve--and refrain from weakening --the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

Sincerely,

Don Pratt

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From: dsgoode@earthlink.net
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Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2003 11:09 AM
Subject: New rules for ownership

Dear Commissioner Powell:

As a citizen suffering from your media conglomerated policy in radio, I am shocked you are considering loosening rules of ownership that will end with even fewer owners than we have now.

You have presided over the end of radio as a diversified medium. Think about the crap that takes the place of news, of the ever narrowing of music styles. Clear Channel is a disease on our channels.

Only NPR can claim any role in quality, in representativeness. And they are in a sense a monopoly. No other models of non-commercial radio have a chance. Forget Low Power. It was intended to be a sop and it is.

Any look at European models puts our free market approach to shame.

If media ownership continue to shrink, then democracy shrinks. It has been noted that there has been no debate about your proposals. I didn't even know about them until a short feed on NPR. So you are doing a bad job of even informing the public of their own rights. That is that the air waves belong to the people. It's a joke.

Reform or get out!

Daniel Goode
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From: rnikegalligan@bigfoot.com
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Subject: Please DO NOT change the restrictions of Stations/Newspaper ownership. The current rules encourage

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From: Manganello, Zachary
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2003 1:24 PM
Subject: Oppose corporate consolidation

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am writing to encourage you to oppose further deregulation of the mass media industry. When the FCC was created in the 1930's, the radio industry was regulated so as to limit companies from owning more than two stations in a given market locality or more than 28 stations nationwide. The regulation was "designed to keep ownership as diverse as possible and keep the stations' focus as local as possible." Though things have changed since then, I believe this basic logic still holds. The 1996 Telecommunications Act relaxed the rules implemented in the '30s, resulting in the rapid consolidation of many companies. The University of Texas reports that today, just six years after the Act was passed, four companies control 90% of all nationwide advertising revenue, and Clear Channel Communications, the industry giant, owns more than 1,200 stations. In addition to the loss of local and diverse news coverage and industry jobs, the trend is toward homogenization in radio programming, making it even more difficult for independent artists and labels to get airtime.

I love independent news, music, and radio stations, and the idea of further "Clear Channelization" of the mass media makes me cringe. I find it impossible to listen to anything outside of the noncommercial band, as the corporate media focus more and more on ratings and less and less on quality programming. Please, for the sake of an independent media, if not for the sake of the sanity of all of us who despise listening to the exact same music and news stories on all the stations we can receive, please vote to halt and reverse further deregulation of the mass media industry.

For more information, I encourage you to read a very thorough report compiled by the Future of Music Coalition (FMC) at www.futeroftmusic.org

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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From: Wm. Tantzen
To: Wm. Tantzen
Date: Tue, Feb 18, 2003 12:49 PM
Subject: Proposed FCC Changes Cost Consumers

Message sent to the following recipients:

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February 18, 2003

[recipient address was inserted here]

[recipient name was inserted here],

The Federal Communications Commission is considering taking actions that will restrict consumer choice by deregulating local phone service.

Millions of Americans like me could have their phone service threatened if the local phone companies aren't required to allow competitors access to the market. I'm also concerned about the Commission's move to relieve all broadband Internet access facilities of open access obligations.

Both of these key decisions will limit my choices as a consumer by lessening competition, diminishing cost savings and threatening consumer protections. As a constituent, I urge you to support competition and open access for local phone service.

Sincerely,

Wm. A. Tantzen